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My dear Friend,

It was my
pleasure to send you a val-
uable interesting a letter &
to associate you with the interest
in the annual labours of the
dear workers in America - I am
sure that art rejoicing as we
are at the growing success
of the Fair - We are anxiously
looking for tidings & that the
other days would be as pro-
ductive as the first - 1600 dollars
was an unprecedented amount.
it is much needed at present.
& I hope it will cheer the hearts
of the workers & stimulate
them with courage to go on
in their work. - We are more
and more confirmed in our faith
in them as the abolitionists. Very

year
that passes over our heads proves
to the world that their Standard is
the only true one, & their wisdom
& foresight most wonderful -
At the same time there will be
always enough of opposition &
reproach & enmity to prevent their
having that "we whom all men
shall speak well of them" - The
late election had been a time
of much instruction, & testing.
I think we have as much
cause to find encouragement
as dis-appointment from the
result - My summing up of
this matter was very interesting
to us, as it is much coincident
with our own ideas - There are
a great many people here who
thought it quite shocking that
the abolitionists would not vote
for such a man as Fremont, &
our enemies put an advertise-
ment into our most repulsive
advertising paper, addressed to
contributors of the Boston Bazaar

quarrying how they could support
persons who would not cast a
vote to secure the election, for
which "so many prayers" were
being put up, & misquoting Mr.
Stowe on the matter - for Mr.
S. had repudiated his interest in the
elections - We replied by giving
the continuation of Mr. Stowe's
remarks proving the superiority
of those who outside of politics
held uncompromisingly the Anti-
Slavery Standard. - The community
saw through the malice of the
opponents & altogether the affair
helped us very much. I do not
know if those were informed that
Julia Griffiths came & collected
as I instituted a new society, alarmed
the supporters of our most offensive
association & drove away a good
few - but those who remained
were greatly benefited by the
storm, it opened their eyes &
strengthened them. I hope we
shall go on better in future. The

Society does not yet officially
own the Bazaar box - but nearly
all its members contribute to-
wards it & if so we lose nothing
we are quite willing to have an
independent Bazaar association
to try to make a division of
labour - Julia Griffiths has been
a thorn in the flesh to many
of the true A.S. friends here -
but I think she will not do
much harm eventually, her
friends begin to see that F. Douglass
is not the A.S. cause is the object
which claims his sympathies,
for which she wishes to collect
the aid that Britain can give -
& they find this too narrow a
point for all to stand & work on
& look out for a wider sphere.
Oh! we are sure "no word of
truth ever falls to the ground"
we also know that a false foun-
-ation can never sustain any
structure. Therefore we have come
to be greatly troubled by Julia

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I have schemes. — all these
little matters I tell them in
reply to the request to hear what
is going on here in Scotland.

at Glasgow there are still two
Societies — the old one under the
auspices of Mr. Innes & the Paton
family & aided by J. & Elythe which
the new flourishing (in a sense)
under the most eminent D. D.'s
of the city — Dundee is entirely on
the Rochester side & Perth with
its excellent Miss Grant & the
Mortons continued there & Boston.

I think Scotland altogether did
quite as well last year as on
any previous year, & did better
than ever before with one excep-
tion, that was the occasion
of our W. L. Garrison's visit. I have
had quite a treat today in
talking with Mrs. Mary Webb
the dramatic reader of Uncle Tom,
she spoke so familiarly & warmly

of our beloved friends - that I al-
-most felt them nearer - she
has come to Edin^g, to give some
readings - & I hope by them she
will be able to introduce the
subject into circles which the
usual channels do not reach -
she spoke of dear P. Pillsbury
mourning over his death, with
loss of spirit. I fear, she can too
well sympathize as this climate
has tried her very much. -

Dear Elizabeth Nichol is well,
& happy in her lot - she has not
yet seen thy note or I am sure
she would have some response.
Mrs. Buchanan (little Mary's
mother) still aids the cause &
rather rejoices when considered
a Unitarian - she not infrequently
speaks of thee - Mr. Alcock
works away on his invalid
couch & the other friends, too
numerous to mention, continue

firm - I do not think ^{have} we lost
one efficient helper, while
we have gained some fresh
ones & there is a determined
spirit in some of us to do our
uplift & aid you - all the
more because of the opposition.

Dearest Mary Estlin has told
us of an opportunity to Rome
of which we gladly avail
ourselves. May we for I hope my
mother will write a few lines
tomorrow; she is well & is as
usual the origin spring of the
movements here. - Probably
Dr. A. E. will write to thee by
the same opportunity - she still
suffers much from her head -
believe it would do her much
good to visit Rome while thou
art there - we were exchanging
comments on make a project &
she concluded characteristically
"if it is right a way will open
for us" I can scarcely believe that
thou hast not seen her. You would

find deep sympathy one with
the other I am sure I could compare
testimonies to the upholding
power of the Divine hand. - Now
my dear friend I could enjoy
running air for a long time,
it is so very pleasant to com-
- municate with so dear a
co-worker - the thought of seeing
thy face in the flesh is one of
much interest. I hope thy sister
may continue better in health
& that with care she may make
some progress towards recovery.

What a pleasant family party
you have! so far away from home.

Farewell, for the present with
much love. I remain, dear friend

Thine very affectionately
G. W. Johnson